

Cause No. 19,487

**STACEY EDGAR, as Next Friend  
for A.H., a Minor  
Plaintiff**

V.

**YISRAYL HAWKINS a/k/a  
BUFFALO BILL HAWKINS, Individually  
and d/b/a HOUSE OF YAHWEH;  
PARTY DOING BUSINESS AS  
HOUSE OF YAHWEH; and  
YEDIDIYAH KOHANIMYAH HAWKINS  
a/k/a CHRISTOPHER JANDRISEVITS,  
Defendants**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

42nd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW STACEY EDGAR, as Next Friend for A.H., a Minor, Plaintiff in the above styled and numbered cause, complaining of YISRAYL HAWKINS a/k/a BUFFALO BILL HAWKINS, Individually and d/b/a HOUSE OF YAHWEH; PARTY DOING BUSINESS AS HOUSE OF YAHWEH and YEDIDIYAH KOHANIMYAH HAWKINS a/k/a CHRISTOPHER JANDRISEVITS, Defendants herein, and for cause of action respectfully shows as follows:

## DISCOVERY CONTROL PLAN

1. Plaintiff intends to conduct discovery under a Level 3 discovery control plan.

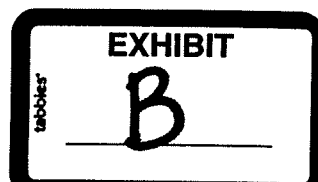
## FACTS

2. The minor child A.H. was assaulted and sexually assaulted by the Defendant Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits both in his home with Stacey Edgar and in the home of his other wife Rachel Hawkins, both located on Defendant House of Yahweh property.

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## PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION AND REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

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### **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of Harris County, Texas.
4. Defendant Yisrayl Hawkins a/k/a Buffalo Bill Hawkins, Individually and d/b/a House of Yahweh is a citizen and resident of Taylor County and may be personally served at his primary residence located at 817 Formosa Street, Lot 18, Abilene, TX 79602, or wherever he may be found.
5. Defendant Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits is an inmate with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and may be personally served at the Dalhart Unit - (SID #08076379 and TDJD #01544261), 11950 FM 998, Dalhart, TX 79022, or wherever he may be found.
6. Defendant Party doing Business as House of Yahweh is an isolated religious cult, and may be served by and through its designated leader Defendant Yisrayl Hawkins a/k/a Buffalo Bill Hawkins at his primary residence located at 817 Formosa Street, Lot 18, Abilene, TX 79602, or wherever he may be found.

### **JURISDICTION**

7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants because the Defendants are residents of this state.
8. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this controversy because the damages sought are within the jurisdictional limits of the District Courts of Callahan County, Texas.

### **Background**

9. Defendant, Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits , (hereinafter referred to as Yedidiyah Hawkins) began engaging in inappropriate sexual behavior with the minor Plaintiff when she was approximately 6 years old and said inappropriate behavior continued until



she was 14 years of age. The inappropriate sexual behavior by Defendant Yedidiyah Hawkins took place both in his home with Stacey Edgar and in the home of his other wife Rachel Hawkins, both located on Defendant House of Yahweh property

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

10. Defendants knowingly, intentionally, recklessly, and negligently engaged in conduct violative of Section 22.021 of the Texas Penal Code (Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child), and said violation caused injury to the Plaintiffs.

11. Defendants intentionally or knowingly caused physical contact with A.H. when he knew or should reasonably have believed that A.H. would regard the contact as offensive or provocative.

12. Defendants engaged in a course of conduct that was so outrageous in character or extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community. Defendants knew or had reason to know of facts that created a high degree of risk that his conduct would cause emotional distress to A.H. yet proceeded in conscious disregard of, or indifference to, that risk. The conduct proximately caused A.H. to suffer emotional distress and that emotional distress was severe. Defendants inflicted emotional distress upon A.H. in a manner so unusual that she has no other recognized means of redress.

### **REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE**

13. Pursuant to Rule 194, TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, Defendants are requested to disclose to Plaintiff, within fifty (50) days of service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2(a) through (l) to be produced at the office of Noteboom –The Law Firm, 669 Airport Freeway, Suite 100, Hurst, Texas 76053.



### EXEMPLARY DAMAGES

14. The harm for which the Plaintiff demands compensation resulted from malice, an intentional act, or gross negligence, and the Plaintiff seeks exemplary damages.

### DAMAGES

15. As a result of the Defendants' actions, Plaintiff, has or will sustain the following damages:

- a. Medical, counseling, psychological and therapeutic expenses in the past and in the future;
- b. Pain, physical suffering, emotional distress, both in the past and in the future; and,
- c. Mental anguish and emotional distress, both in the past and in the future.

### RELIEF SOUGHT

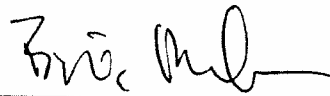
16. Plaintiff requests that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that this case be tried after which Plaintiff receive:

- a) Judgment against Defendants for a sum within the jurisdictional limits of this Court for the damages indicated above;
- b) Exemplary damages;
- c) Pre-judgment interest at the maximum amount allowed by law;
- d) Post-judgment interest at the maximum rate allowed by law;
- e) Costs of suit; and
- f) Such other and further relief to which Plaintiffs may be justly entitled.



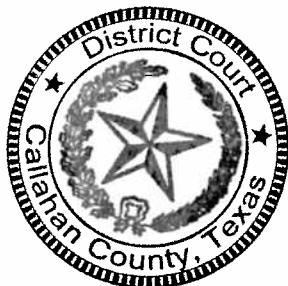
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Respectfully submitted,



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COUNTY OF CALLAHAN  
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Sharon Owens  
District Clerk, 42nd District Court  
Callahan County, Texas  
By: 

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**GUIDEONE INSURANCE COMPANY,**

**Plaintiff,**

**VS.**

**HOUSE OF YAHWEH,  
YISRAYL HAWKINS a/k/a  
BUFFALO BILL HAWKINS, Individually  
and d/b/a HOUSE OF YAHWEH, and  
YEDIDIYAH KOHANIMYAH HAWKINS  
a/k/a CHRISTOPHER JANDRISEVITS,**

**Defendants.**

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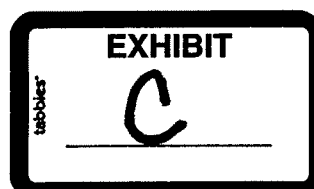
**CIVIL ACTION NO.**

## PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF

Plaintiff, GuideOne Insurance Company (hereinafter “GuideOne”), brings this suit for declaratory relief against House of Yahweh, Yisrayl Hawkins a/k/a Buffalo Bill Hawkins, Individually and d/b/a House of Yahweh, and Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Yahweh Defendants”), and would show the Court the following:

## NATURE OF THE SUIT

1. This is a declaratory judgment action, based on diversity jurisdiction, whereby GuideOne Insurance Company seeks a declaration of legal rights concerning liability insurance policies issued to the House of Yahweh and whether they protect the Yahweh Defendants from sexual abuse claims. The House of Yahweh follows the teachings of its Prophet, now called Yisrayl Hawkins, who operates a compound where his disciples live. The mother of A.H., a minor, who



allegedly suffered sexual abuse from the age of 6 through the age 14, claims that the Yahweh Defendants committed the sexual abuse on the premises located within the compound operated by the House of Yahweh. This declaratory judgment action seeks a determination of whether these sexual abuse claims come within the insurance coverage provided by GuideOne?

### **JURISDICTION AND SERVICE OF PROCESS**

2. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to diversity jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §1332, for civil actions between citizens of different states.

3. GuideOne Insurance Company is a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa, with its principal place of business at 1111 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa 50265. Therefore, it is a citizen of the State of Iowa.

4. Defendant House of Yahweh (the insured) is a Texas Nonprofit Corporation, with its principal place of business at 1025 T & P Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602. It is a citizen of Texas. It may be served with process by serving its Agent and Prophet, Yisrayl Hawkins at 817 Formosa Street, Lot 18, Abilene, Texas 79602 and/or 1025 T & P Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602, or wherever he may be found.

5. Defendant Yisrayl Hawkins a/k/a Buffalo Bill Hawkins a/k/a William Hawkins, is a citizen of the State of Texas and may be served with process at 817 Formosa Street, Lot 18, Abilene, Texas 79602 and/or 1025 T & P Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602, or wherever he may be found.

6. Defendant Yedidiah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits is a citizen of the State of Texas and may be served with process at Dalhart Unit - SID #08076379 and TDJD #01544261, 11950 FM 998, Dalhart, Texas 79022 or at his home at 3772 FM 603, Clyde, Texas 79510, or wherever he may be found.

7. The amount in controversy in this case is in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. Specifically, GuideOne Insurance Company seeks a declaration regarding the duty to defend, and/or indemnify, the Yahweh Defendants concerning the Underlying Sexual Abuse Suit filed by the mother Stacey Edgar, who claims that A.H., a minor, was sexually molested by the Yahweh Defendants over a nine year period.

#### **VENUE**

8. Venue for this case is proper in the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division because the policy was issued from GuideOne's offices in Arlington, Texas. The insured, House of Yahweh, is located in Abilene, Texas. Based on information and belief, all Defendants reside within the Northern District of Texas. The facts relevant to this claim all occurred near Abilene, Texas.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CLAIMS**

9. The House of Yahweh is a church formed by ex-Abilene police officer Bill Hawkins, a/k/a Buffalo Bill Hawkins, and now called the Prophet Yisrayl Hawkins. The House of Yahweh compound is located outside Abilene, Texas, and is devoted to following the teachings of Yisrayl Hawkins as a modern day prophet. Members live in a close community and members often change their last names to "Hawkins" to reflect their relationship with their Prophet, Yisrayl Hawkins.

10. GuideOne Lloyds Insurance Company insured House of Yahweh under a series of successive Commercial General Liability ("CGL") insurance policies, covering the time period in question. In general, the policies cover *accidents* causing Bodily Injury or Property Damage up to \$1 million dollars.

11. Stacey Edgar was a member of the House of Yahweh. Stacey Edgar, as Next Friend for A.H., a Minor, brought suit on April 5, 2010, against Defendants Yisrayl Hawkins, Individually



and d/b/a House of Yahweh; Party Doing Business As House of Yahweh; and Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits, the Yahweh Defendants. The lawsuit (the “Underlying Suit”) is brought as Cause No. 19,487 in the 42nd Judicial District Court of Callahan County, Texas. A true and correct copy of the Original Petition in such cause is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

12. According to the suit, Stacy Edger was a member of the church and community of House of Yahweh. Allegedly, the Yahweh Defendants began sexually abusing the minor child (A.H.) when she was approximately 6 years of age and said inappropriate behavior continued until she was 14 years of age. The inappropriate behavior allegedly took place in the homes of Stacy Edger and Rachel “Hawkins.” Both properties are allegedly located within the compound of the House of Yahweh, where its believers collectively reside.

13. The damages sought by Stacey Edger against House of Yahweh, and the costs of defending the Yahweh Defendants, greatly exceed the sum of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. GuideOne has begun a defense of the Yahweh Defendants with a reservation of rights to deny coverage, and/or seek this judicial declaration regarding the lack of coverage. A true and correct copy of such reservation is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

#### **CLAIM FOR DECLARATORY RELIEF**

14. A dispute has arisen between GuideOne on the one hand, and the Yahweh Defendants on the other, with respect to whether the claims in the Underlying Suit come within the coverages of the CGL Policies issued by GuideOne. GuideOne asserts that the sexual abuse alleged in the Underlying Suit is not an accident nor a Personal Injury, as those terms are defined within the policy. Furthermore, acts of sexual abuse were not carried out in the course of performing duties for the

insured church and, therefore, the actors were not “insureds” as that term is defined within the policy. Also, certain exclusions would apply, including the Expected or Intended Injury Exclusion, and the Exclusion for Personal Injury arising out of willful violations of Penal Statutes. Finally, coverage is barred under the Fortuity Doctrine and public policy of the State of Texas.

15. Pursuant to the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. 2201 *et seq.*, GuideOne Insurance Company hereby requests that this Court declare the rights and obligations of GuideOne Insurance Company and Yahweh Defendants with respect to such coverage. Specifically, GuideOne seeks the declaration that it owes no duty to defend or indemnify the Yahweh Defendants from the claims in the Underlying Suit.

#### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

16. All conditions precedent to GuideOne securing such declaratory relief have been performed or have occurred.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

GuideOne Insurance Company hereby prays that this Court declare the rights and liabilities of the parties to this case, and specifically prays that this Court declare that GuideOne owes no duty to defend or indemnify the Yahweh Defendants from the above-described claims in the Underlying Suit, and for such other and further relief to which GuideOne shows itself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted

**PRUESSNER & ALEXANDER**

*/s/ David M. Pruessner*

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AO 440 (Rev. 04/08) Civil Summons

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

for the

Northern District of Texas

GuideOne Insurance Company

V.

House of Yahweh, et al

Civil Action No. 4:11-cv-00010-Y

**Summons in a Civil Action**

**TO:** *(Defendant's name and address)*

Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins

*also known as* Christopher Jandrisevits

A lawsuit has been filed against you. Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it), you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

David Pruessner  
Three Galleria Tower  
13155 Noel Rd Suite 1025  
Dallas, TX 75240

If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

CLERK



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Sheriff  
Culley County, Texas

EXHIBIT

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### Proof of Service

I declare under penalty of perjury that I served the summons and complaint in this case on Yelidimar K. Khamimya  
by: Nawkins AKA Christopher  
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(1) personally delivering a copy of each to the individual at this place, T.D.C.J. Dalkart  
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Tim Bell Chief Deputy  
Printed name and title

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Server's address

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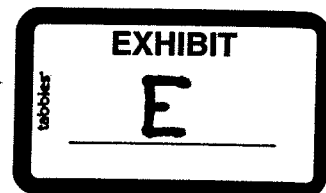
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(3) delivering a copy of each to an agent authorized by appointment or by law to receive it whose name is SITALA HAWKINS \_\_\_\_\_; or

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ED C DUNCAN, Constable  
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432 MARKET ST  
Server's address  
BAIRD, TEXAS 74504

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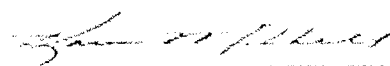
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May 4, 2011

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Plaza of the Americas, 25th Floor  
Dallas, Texas 75201

House of Yahweh – ***VIA CM # 7009 2250 0003 9634 3962 RRR & Regular Mail***  
1025 T & P Lane  
Abilene, Texas 79602

Yisrayl Hawkins – ***VIA CM # 7009 2250 0003 9634 3979 RRR & Regular Mail***  
817 Formosa Street, Lot 18  
Abilene, Texas 79602

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Re: Civil Action No. 4:11-cv-00009  
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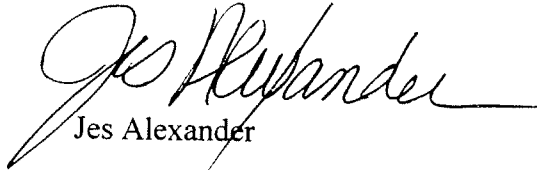
Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter to inform you that we will be taking a default judgment against you and/or your clients for failure to file an Answer. On two separate occasions, we agreed to Mr. Yoss' request for an extension to file an Answer for Defendants. However, over six weeks has gone by and no Answer has been filed for Defendants.



Harrison H. Yoss, House of Yahweh, Yisrayl Hawkins  
and Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins a/k/a Christopher Jandrisevits  
May 4, 2011  
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Very truly yours,



Jes Alexander

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## Jury finds Hawkins guilty in child sexual assault trial

### House of Yahweh member faces life in prison

Reporter-News Staff Report

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

A 42nd District Court jury returned a guilty verdict against Yedidiyah Hawkins on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child Monday.

The sentence, to be set by Judge John Weeks, is expected within 45 days. The charge, a first-degree felony, can range from five years to life in prison.

The jury deliberated 2½ hours before returning a verdict. Hawkins, a leader of the House of Yahweh compound in Callahan County, showed little reaction to the verdict.

The courtroom, which seats 48, contained approximately 75 spectators much of the day, including when the verdict was announced. Many were representatives of Bikers Against Child Abuse, a support group for sexually abused children and their families.

The girl, 11 at the time of the assault, testified Friday that her stepfather, Hawkins, 40, used a vaginal speculum -- a medical instrument used by gynecologists -- to perform an examination on her. Though the victim was identified in court proceedings, it is the policy of the Reporter-News not to name victims of sexual assault.

The assault occurred in the home of Rachel Hawkins, who at the time was a member of the House of Yahweh. Rachel Hawkins had gone shopping in Dallas for the weekend, the girl said.

Prosecutor Shane Deel said during his opening statement that Yedidiyah Hawkins knew that the home of Rachel Hawkins, who has since left the sect, would be empty for the weekend.

Several defense witnesses testified that the girl who brought the accusations previously had admitted to them that the allegations were untrue.

Rebekah Hawkins, 16, Batashua Hawkins, 15, and Erica Hawkins, 16, all associated with the House of Yahweh, testified Monday morning in the trial at the Taylor County Courthouse.



Rebekah Hawkins said she had heard the accuser speak of abuse for at least five years. However, when Rebekah challenged her, she "almost always said it wasn't true," Rebekah Hawkins testified.

Batashua Hawkins said the girl told her Yedidiyah Hawkins was "putting things inside me." Batashua further testified that the girl didn't mention it again and that it didn't seem to bother her. The girl had said she hated her dad (Yedidiyah Hawkins) because he wouldn't let her do things. When asked if the girl could be called rebellious, Batashua chuckled and said, "Yes."

Erica Hawkins said she and the accuser were "really close" until about a year ago. She then presented an emotional plea of Yedidiyah Hawkins' innocence.

"She (the accuser) told me she was lying," she said. "He's innocent, and he's spent a year in jail."

All three mentioned spending time in a pink trailer or building at the Yahweh complex near Clyde. Attorneys painted a picture of the trailer being used as a punishment for running away or other offenses. Erica remembered spending a night there, but not as punishment.

"It was like a slumber party; we weren't being punished," she said.



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## New trial denied for Yahweh elder Yedidiyah Hawkins

**Man convicted in October in the sexual abuse of stepdaughter, 11**

By Daralyn Schoenewald

Thursday, February 19, 2009

A 42nd District Court judge on Wednesday denied a motion to grant a House of Yahweh elder convicted of sexually abusing his stepdaughter a new trial, according to prosecutor Shane Deel.

A new attorney for Yedidiyah Hawkins, in the motion for a new trial, claimed ineffective counsel by Dallas-based attorneys John Read and C. Tony Wright.

Hawkins, 41, was convicted in October of sexually assaulting his then 11-year-old stepdaughter by performing a vaginal examination. He told the girl that he wanted to check her for cervical cancer, though he has no medical training.

Witnesses testified during the trial that Hawkins was worried the girl was no longer a virgin. He was sentenced in December to 30 years in prison.

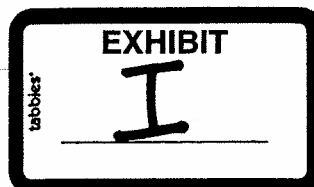
During a sentencing hearing in December, Read mispronounced Hawkins' first name more than 30 times, according to Reporter-News files. He was pronouncing it "Yed-uh-DYE-uh," which he said was "close enough" to the correct pronunciation of "Yeh-did-ee-uh."

Parker also claimed in the motion that Hawkins had been intimidated by trial spectators, specifically by members of the Bikers Against Child Abuse group, Deel said.

It's rare that a judge will grant a motion for a new trial, according to Deel.

"They are very seldom successful," he said.

Hawkins still faces several other charges, including aggravated perjury, indecency with a child, engaging in organized criminal activity and bigamy. The cases will remain pending until Hawkins has exhausted all appeals on this case.





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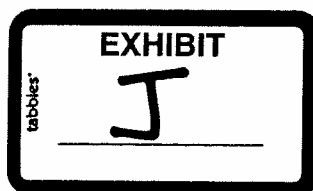
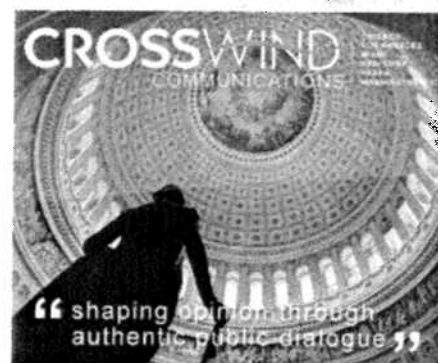
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## Yedidiyah Hawkins

**TDCJ ID** 01544261  
**Unit** Dalhart  
**DOB** 6/8/1967  
**Age** 44  
**Home County** Callahan  
**Sex** Male  
**Race** White  
**Height** 5 ft 9 in  
**Weight** 202 lbs  
**Hair Color** Brown  
**Eye Color** Hazel

Crime*	Raw Description*	Committed On	County	Term	Sentence Began
AGG SEXUAL ASSAULT	AGG SEX ASLT	2/5/2005	Callahan	30 years	10/17/2007

\* The "Raw Description" field is the description that TDCJ has for each offense, which can vary between convictions for the same crime. The "Crime" field is the label we've used to try group together these varying descriptions based on the data we were given. It's not perfect, and some of them can be hard to understand.



Source: Texas Department of Criminal Justice | Developed by Matt Stiles and Niran Babalola | Feedback

Note: Data released under the Texas Public Information Act on May 9, 2011.

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- D. Summons showing service on Yedidiyah Hawkins;
- E. Summons showing service on Yisrayl Hawkins;
- F. Summons showing service on House of Yahweh;
- G. Letter notifying Defendants of GuideOne's intent to take default;
- H. News article discussing Defendant Yedidiyah Hawkins' conviction for sexual assault of a minor;
- I. News article discussing Defendant Yedidiyah Hawkins' sentence of 30 years in prison for sexual assault of a minor and denial of his motion for new trial;
- J. A print-out from a search engine of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice showing that Yedidiyah Hawkins is an inmate at T.D.C.J. Dalhart.
- K. Affidavit of Benjamin E. Motal.

3. Pursuant to 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 521, I have made an investigation to ascertain if Defendants Yedidiyah Kohanimyah Hawkins or Yisrayl Hawkins are currently in the Military Service of the United States. The results of my investigation are as follows:

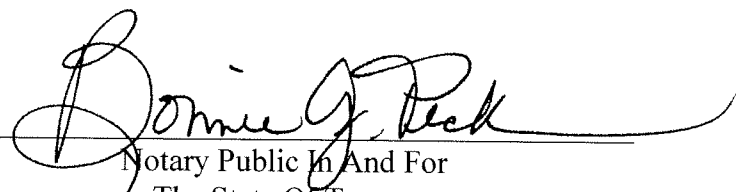
- A. Yedidiyah Hawkins is a 44 year old male who is currently serving his fourth year of a 30 year prison sentence at T.D.C.J. Dalhart, where he was serve with process in this action. (See Ex. J.) His imprisonment precludes him from actively serving in the military.
- B. Yisrayl Hawkins is a 75-77 year old male who leads a church group known as House of Yahweh based in Abilene, Texas. His age precludes him from actively serving in the military.

4. From the facts set forth above, I am convinced that Defendants are not in the military service of the United States as defined in the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940, 50 U.S.C. Appx. § 521.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
BENJAMIN E. MOTAL

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME the undersigned notary public, on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

  
Notary Public In And For  
The State Of Texas

My Commission Expires:  
3-25-13

